



Date: December 15, 2014

To: Thomas J. Bonfield, City Manager
Through: Keith Chadwell, Deputy City Manager
From: Mark D. Ahrendsen, Transportation Director
Subject: Resolution approving City of Durham (DATA) 2014 Title VI Program Update

Executive Summary

The Transportation Department is recommending adoption of a resolution approving City of Durham (DATA) 2014 Title VI Program Update. The City of Durham is required by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to develop a Title VI compliance program in accordance with federal regulations.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the Resolution approving the City of Durham (DATA) 2014 Title VI Program Update.

Background

Title VI of the Civil Rights Acts of 1964 is a Federal law that mandates that no person shall on the grounds of race, color or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.

As a recipient of Federal funding, the City of Durham is required to comply with the Title VI regulations issued by the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT). Once every three years, FTA requires the City of Durham to submit an updated Title VI program in accordance with DOT 49 CFR Part 21, as a condition of receiving ongoing federal funds. The updated regulations contained in FTA Circular 4702.1B, require the Title VI Program to be approved by City of Durham's governing body before submission to FTA. Adopting the proposed Resolution will allow the City to continue to receive federal transit grant funds.

Issues/Analysis

Every three years, FTA requires all transit systems receiving FTA funds to update the Title VI Program. As such, the City of Durham is required to submit updated Title VI Program to the governing board for approval.

Alternatives

- 1) City Council adopts the Resolution approving the City of Durham (DATA) 2014 Title VI Program Update. This will allow the City to continue to receive the FTA funds for transit planning, operations and maintenance.
- 2) City Council does not adopt the Resolution approving the City of Durham (DATA) 2014 Title VI Program Update. The City of Durham will be out of compliance; therefore jeopardizing the receipt of future FTA funds.

Financial Impact

Not applicable

SDBE Requirement

Not applicable.

Attachments

City of Durham Title VI Program Update 2014
Resolution